



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Via E-Mail

March 13, 2019

Ms. Mackenzie Farkus
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Re: FOIA Request No.: 2019-FOIA-02882

Dear Ms. Farkus:

This letter is in response to the above referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), request for the following:

“All files on or related to Grace Paley, a prominent writer, academic, and activist, whose death in 2007 was widely reported by the media.”

A search conducted by personnel assigned to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), yielded negative results using the information as described in your request.

Please know that, under D.C. Official Code § 2-537 and 1 DCMR § 412, you have the right to appeal this letter to the Mayor or to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. If you elect to appeal to the Mayor, your appeal must be in writing and contain “Freedom of Information Act Appeal” or “FOIA Appeal” in the subject line of the letter, as well as, on the outside of the envelope. The appeal must include (1) a copy of the original request; (2) a copy of any written denial; (3) a statement of the circumstances, reasons, and/or arguments advanced in support of disclosure; and (4) a daytime telephone number, an e-mail and/or U.S. mailing address at which you can be reached.

The appeal must be mailed to: The Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel, FOIA Appeal, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 407, Washington, D.C. 20004. An electronic version of the same information can instead be e-mailed to the Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel at foia.appeals@dc.gov. Further, a copy of all appeal materials must be forwarded to the Freedom of Information Officer of the involved agency, or to the agency head of that agency, if there is no designated Freedom of Information Officer there.

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Failure to follow these administrative steps will result in delay in the processing and commencement of a response to your appeal to the Mayor.

Regards,



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